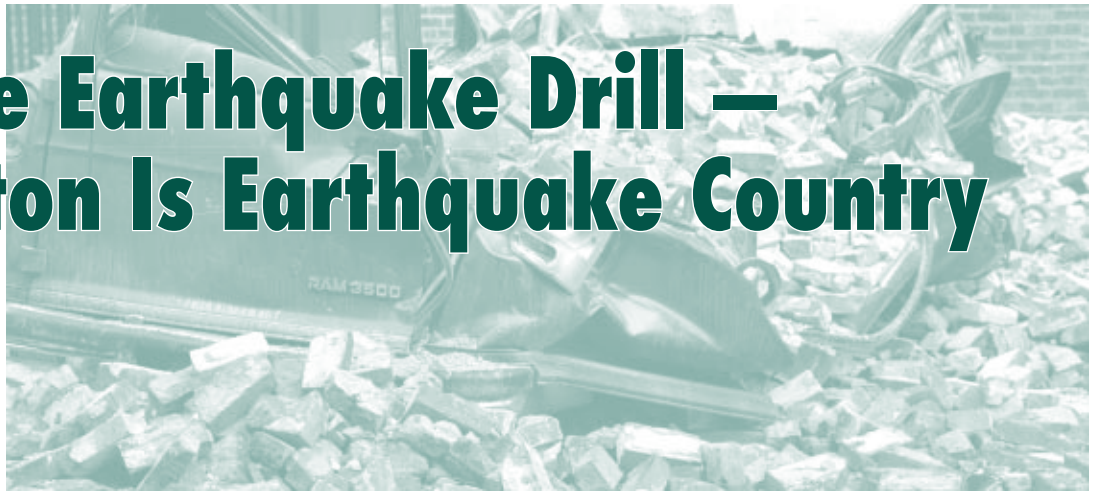


# Statewide Earthquake Drill – Washington Is Earthquake Country



A statewide earthquake “**Drop, Cover and Hold**” drill will be an important part of the 2004 Disaster Preparedness Month activities. This drill will remind Washingtonians what to do when the ground starts to shake.

## April 22, 2004 – Participate in the Drop, Cover and Hold Drill between 9:45 a.m.– 10:00 a.m.

- Plan to conduct a drill at home, at school, and at work. Remember, the drill is for everyone in Washington State.
- To encourage participation, display announcements about the drill well in advance. An announcement is included in your packet of materials.
- Between 9:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., imagine that an earthquake is occurring. **Drop** under a sturdy desk or table, **Cover** your head, and **Hold** on to the desk or table until the drill message is complete (about 30 seconds).
- Use the drill as a springboard to discuss other essential earthquake safety actions with family, friends and co-workers.
- Listen for the drill message. In case of a communications interruption, or in the event you are unable to participate in the drill on April 22, broadcast your own message over your facility’s public address system or use a different signal, such as a bell or whistle. If you use a signal other than the radio, make certain everyone knows what signal will be used.
- If you are unable to participate in the statewide earthquake drill on April 22, select another day and time convenient for your family, business or school. Practice the correct procedures to take when the ground shakes.



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For more information about earthquake safety, contact your local emergency management office or the state Disaster Preparedness Month Coordinator at (253) 512-7047

## Radio and TV Participation

Washington state radio and television stations are urged to promote the statewide earthquake drill and broadcast the drill via the Emergency Alert System (EAS) between 9:45 a.m.–10:00 a.m. on April 22nd. Call your local radio or television station to see if they plan to broadcast the “Drop, Cover and Hold” message.